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1. DEPARTMENT AND MEMBERS OF U.S. TEAM AT KHARTOUM
SURPRISED BY TERZANI'S IMPRESSION THAT U.S. IS DEAD SET
AGAINST ANY A PRIORI PLANS FOR REGIONS 1 AND 3. U.S. HAS
NOT STATED (NOR IMPLIED) THAT IT IS OF SUCH POSITION. ON
CONTRARY, IN ALL BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH REGION 1 AND
3 COUNTRIES, U.S. REPS HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO STATE THAT
WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT OPPOSED TO A PRIORI PLANS FOR
REGIONS 1 AND 3, AND AT SAME TIME HAVE SOUGHT
ASSURANCES FROM REGION 1 AND 3 ADMINISTRATIONS THAT
THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING IN REGION 2.

2. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THE REGION 1 AND 3
ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE BEEN SOMETHING LESS THAN FORTHRIGHT
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IN GIVING US ASSURANCES THAT THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE

EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING FOR REGION 2. THEY HAVE MERELY SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING FOR REGION 2 IF NO REGION 2 COUNTRIES OPPOSE IT.

3. AT THE ITU SEMINARS (TOKYO AND KHARTOUM) AND

CITEL SEMINAR (RIO DE JANEIRO), EUROPEAN REPS HAVE ARGUED FOR A WORLDWIDE A PRIORI PLAN AND HAVE DOWN-PLAYED THE MERITS OF AN EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH. WHILE U.S. SPEAKERS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT ARGUED FOR WORLDWIDE EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING, THEY HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO COUNTER THE EUROPEAN PRESENTATIONS BY POINTING OUT THAT ADMINISTRATIONS NOT HAVING URGENT NEED FOR 12 GHZ TERRESTRIAL SERVICES COULD FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO USE EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH TO BROADCASTING SATELLITES INDEPENDENT OF WHAT EUROPE/USSR DOES. THIS MAY BE THE BASIS OF TERZANI'S APPARENT OVERREACTION.

4. AS FOR APPROPRIATE REASON OF RADIO REGULATIONS, U.S. POSITION IS THAT CONFERENCE IS COMPETENT TO DO SO BUT WE HAVE NOT INSISTED THAT CONFERENCE MUST REPEAT MUST DO SO. WE HOPE TO SEE ISSUES DISCUSSED AND AN EARLY DECISION BY CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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